Delicensing of Milk Sector

174. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to delicense the milk sector in the country; and

(b) if so, what are its likely effects on the dairy development and the consumers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The items "milk foods" and malted food" which were in the First Schedule of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act have been removed from that list of Industries in respect of which industrial licensing would be compulsory.

(b) The above change in the industrial policy is intended to attract entrepreneurs to set-up milk product enterpsises which in turn would give a boost to dairy development in general and make available a wider variety of milk products to the consumers at competitive prices.

Privatisation of Telecom Services in Metropolitan cities

175. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for handing over the telecom services to the Private Sector in metropolitan cities in the country is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what impact the proposal is likely to have on the telecom services in those cities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No proposal for handing over of Telecom Services to private sector in metropolitan cities is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise at this stage.

Expansion of sugar projects in the country

176. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued revised guidelines for the licencing of new, and expansion of sugar projects in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines and their impact on the sugar indusry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Central Government vide Psess Note dated 8-11-1991 have announced the revised guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories for the Sugar Year 1991--92 and the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-93—1996-97). The copy of the Press Note is attached as Statement. (*See* below).

These guidelines have been formulated after considering all the relevant factors and are therefore, not expected to have any adverse impact on the sugar industry.

Statement

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A. The Government of India have reviewed the Guidelines for licensing of new and expansion of existing sugar factories issued vide this Min-